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### 2005 WASHINGTON WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP 100,000 ACRES FROM 2004

OLYMPIA, Wash., January 15, 2005--Washington wheat producers have seeded an estimated 1.90 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2005, 100,000 acres more than for the 2004 crop. Nationally, the planted area for harvest in 2005 is estimated at 41.6 million acres. This is down 4 percent from 2004. Winter wheat seeded in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho) totaled 3.54 million acres, 5 percent above the 2004 crop but 1 percent below the 2003 crop. Idaho seeded 770,000 acres, compared with 750,000 last year, and Oregon farmers seeded 870,000 acres, 50,000 acres above the 2004 crop.

Seeding in the U. S. began last August and advanced ahead of the 5-year pace until the middle of October, when wet weather slowed progress. Nearly all of the U. S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast and California. Although frequent rainfall hampered seeding in many areas, the precipitation was beneficial and contributed to record high condition ratings throughout much of the fall.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 30.5 million acres, down 1 percent from 2004. Acreage changes are mixed.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) area, at about 6.6 million acres, is down 19 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded area totals about 4.5 million acres, up 4 percent from 2004.

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| Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, By State & United States, 2003-2005 |               |               |               |            |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| State  | Crop          |               |               | 2005/2004  |
|  | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          |            |
|  | 1,000 Acres   |               |               | Percent    |
| Alabama  | 150           | 120           | 120           | 100        |
| Arizona  | 4             | 5             | 5             | 100        |
| Arkansas   | 700           | 670           | 240           | 36         |
| California   | 740           | 560           | 500           | 89         |
| Colorado   | 2,600         | 2,300         | 2,650         | 115        |
| Delaware   | 50            | 50            | 50            | 100        |
| Florida  | 20            | 18            | 20            | 111        |
| Georgia  | 380           | 330           | 290           | 88         |
| Idaho  | 760           | 750           | 770           | 103        |
| Illinois   | 850           | 920           | 650           | 71         |
| Indiana  | 460           | 450           | 360           | 80         |
| Iowa   | 25            | 28            | 25            | 89         |
| Kansas   | 10,500        | 10,000        | 10,100        | 101        |
| Kentucky   | 500           | 530           | 460           | 87         |
| Louisiana  | 155           | 180           | 130           | 72         |
| Maryland   | 165           | 160           | 150           | 94         |
| Michigan   | 680           | 660           | 650           | 98         |
| Minnesota  | 25            | 27            | 20            | 74         |
| Mississippi  | 150           | 160           | 110           | 69         |
| Missouri   | 960           | 1,050         | 700           | 67         |
| Montana  | 1,900         | 1,900         | 2,150         | 113        |
| Nebraska   | 1,900         | 1,850         | 1,850         | 100        |
| Nevada   | 7             | 6             | 7             | 117        |
| New Jersey   | 31            | 28            | 28            | 100        |
| New Mexico   | 500           | 490           | 490           | 100        |
| New York   | 130           | 105           | 120           | 114        |
| North Carolina   | 530           | 600           | 580           | 97         |
| North Dakota   | 130           | 245           | 260           | 106        |
| Ohio   | 1,060         | 920           | 840           | 91         |
| Oklahoma   | 6,700         | 6,200         | 5,800         | 94         |
| Oregon   | 970           | 820           | 870           | 106        |
| Pennsylvania   | 175           | 140           | 180           | 129        |
| South Carolina   | 200           | 190           | 180           | 95         |
| South Dakota   | 1,650         | 1,650         | 1,500         | 91         |
| Tennessee  | 430           | 400           | 290           | 73         |
| Texas  | 6,600         | 6,300         | 5,800         | 92         |
| Utah   | 160           | 130           | 135           | 104        |
| Virginia   | 210           | 210           | 220           | 105        |
| <b>Washington</b>  | <b>1,850</b>  | <b>1,800</b>  | <b>1,900</b>  | <b>106</b> |
| West Virginia  | 12            | 8             | 7             | 88         |
| Wisconsin  | 205           | 240           | 200           | 83         |
| Wyoming  | 160           | 150           | 160           | 107        |
| <b>United States</b>   | <b>45,384</b> | <b>43,350</b> | <b>41,567</b> | <b>96</b>  |